Statement

Months-wise allotment of levy sugar to the State of Chhattisgarh during 2002-03 and 2003-04 sugar season (October to September)

Sugar Season 2002-03		Sugar Season 2003-04	
Month	Qty. In M.T.	Month	Qty. In M.T.
Oct' 02	5518.0	Oct' 03	4512.0
Nov' 02	4512.0	Nov' 03	4480.3
Dec' 02	4512.0	Dec' 03	4512.0
Jan'03	4512.0	Jan' 04	4512.0
Feb' 03	4512.0	Feb' 04	4512.0
Mar' 03	2262.0	Mar' 04	4512.0
Apr' 03	0.0	Apr. 04	4512.0
May' 03	2262.0	May' 04	4512.0
Jun' 03	2262.0	Jun' 04	4512.0
Jul' 03	4512.0	Jul' 04	4522.0
Aug' 03	4512.0	Aug' 04	4522.0
Sep' 03	5519.0	Sep' 04	5529.0
TOTAL:	44895.0	TOTAL:	55149.3

Rail-line between Una to Talwara

*379. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position of the railway line which is being constructed from Una to Talwara in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) what is its estimated cost; and

(c) what is the targeted period for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) Una to Talwara is part of Nangal Dam-Talwara (83.74 kms) new line project. The section from Nangal Dam-Una Himachal to Chuararu Takrala (32.73 kms) has already been completed and commissioned. Earthwork and minor

bridge works have been taken up from Churaru Takrala to Amb Andaura (11.25 kms) and for the balance section, detailed estimates are under the process of sanction/preparation.

(b) The anticipated cost of Nangal Dam-Talwara (83.74 kms) new broad gauge line and of the taking over of link siding Mukerian-Talwara (29.16 kms) is Rs. 300 crore.

(c) No target has been fixed as yet and work will be completed as per availability of resources.

NCF recommendations

*380. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers (NCF);

(b) if so, the details of the main recommendations of NCF, indicating those which has been accepted by Government; and

(c) the time likely to be taken to implement these accepted recommendations of NCF?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The National Commissin on Farmers (NCF) has made wide ranging recommendations covering divers aspects of development of agriculture and allied sectors for improving economic well-being of farmers. Major recommendations, as contained in the Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers submitted by NCF, include reforms of assets, *i.e.* land, water, livestock and bioresources. Strengthening of support service for the farmers, such as marketing, credit and insurance, input supply and social security, reforms in agricultural education curriculum, specific measures for farmers in different agro-climatic regions, special category of farmers/farming has also been recommended Government has taken necessary action to expedite examination of the recommendations of NCF. Although, while examining the recommendations of NCF, it was observed that many of the recommendations of NCF are already under implementation through several ongoing initiatives and programmes/schemes of the Government, a decision regarding acceptance of the recommendations of the NCF is yet to be taken.